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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

FORT ST. GEORGE, THE 1ST FEBRUARY 1912.

No. 90.—The following proclamation and notifications of the Government of India, publishing a Regulation to declare the Law applicable to the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy, are republished for general information:—

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta, the 1st February 1912.

NOTIFICATION.

No. 10.—Whereas by Resolution passed by the Secretary of State for India in Council on the 30th November 1909, the provisions of section 1 of the Government of India Act, 1870 (33 Vict., cap. 3), were declared applicable to the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy, which have, as declared in the Proclamation No. 292 I.A., dated the 5th February 1909, become subject to the Government of Madras;

And whereas the Governor of Madras in Council has proposed to the Governor General in Council a draft of the following Regulation, together with the reasons for proposing the same;

And whereas the Governor General in Council has taken the draft and reasons into consideration, and has approved of the draft and the same has received the assent of the Governor General on the 22nd day of January 1912;

In pursuance of the direction contained in the said section, the said Regulation is now published in the *Gazette of India* and in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

W. S. VINCENT,
Secretary to the Government of India.

REGULATION No. I OF 1912.

A regulation to declare the law applicable to the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy.

WHEREAS it is expedient to declare the law applicable to the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY.

1. (1) This Regulation may be called "The Laccadive Islands and Minicoy Regulation, 1911," and

(2) It extends to the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy.

Definitions.

2. In this Regulation, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,

(i) "the islands" mean the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy,
(ii) "the Inspecting officer" means any officer directed by the local Government or Collector to inspect the islands or any of them, and
(iii) words and expressions used herein and defined in the Indian Penal Code have the same meaning respectively attributed to them in that Code.

CHAPTER II.

LAW APPLICABLE.

Law applicable.

3. Notwithstanding anything in any enactment now in force, this Regulation, the Madras State Prisoners Regulation, 1819, the State Prisoners Act, 1858, and the Scheduled Districts Act, 1874, shall be the only enactments in force in the islands. II of 1819. III of 1858. XIV of 1874.

CHAPTER III.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Offences triable by Inspecting officer or Collector.

4. (1) Whoever commits any of the following offences shall be liable to the punishment mentioned below in respect of such offence:—

Rioting	Imprisonment which may extend to two years or fine or both.
Giving false evidence	Imprisonment which may extend to seven years and fine.
Murder	Death or transportation for life.
Culpable homicide not amounting to murder.	Transportation for life or imprisonment which may extend to ten years.
Causing death by rash or negligent act.	Imprisonment which may extend to two years or fine.
Grievous hurt	Imprisonment which may extend to seven years and fine.
Wrongful confinement	Imprisonment which may extend to one year or fine.
Kidnapping	Imprisonment which may extend to seven years and fine.
Rape	Transportation for life or imprisonment which may extend to ten years and fine.
Extortion	Imprisonment which may extend to three years or fine, or both.
Robbery	Rigorous imprisonment which may extend to ten years and fine.
Dacoity	Transportation for life or rigorous imprisonment which may extend to ten years and fine.
Criminal misappropriation ..	Imprisonment which may extend to two years or fine, or both.
Criminal breach of trust ..	Imprisonment which may extend to three years or fine, or both.
Dishonestly receiving stolen property.	Imprisonment which may extend to three years or fine, or both.
Cheating	Imprisonment which may extend to one year or fine, or both.
Mischief by fire	Imprisonment which may extend to seven years and fine.
Forgery	Imprisonment which may extend to two years or fine.

(2) When any offence specified in sub-section (1) has been committed, the local amin shall hold an investigation and if a *prima facie* case is made out against any person such person shall be charged before and tried by the Inspecting officer or the Collector or any of the Collector's assistants empowered by him by general or special order in this behalf.

(3) The Inspecting officer or the Collector or any assistant of the Collector empowered under sub-section (2), when trying a case in accordance with sub-section (2) shall, when the trial is held in the islands, sit with two or more island assessors.

Minor offences and punishment:

5. Whoever,—

(*a*) commits any of the following offences, namely:—
theft, criminal force, assault, hurt, criminal trespass,
(*b*) uses abusive language to another,
(*c*) obstructs any person in seizing stray cattle,
(*d*) without reasonable cause fails to attend the cutcherry when ordered to do so,
(*e*) causes mischief to property otherwise than by fire,